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SUBJECT: THREAT AGAINST PRIME MINISTER MANLEY

REF: KINGSTON 5440

1. FBI HAS INTERVIEWED ERNEST LEROY SAMS AND ACCEPTS HIS EXPLANATION OF THREAT AGAINST MANLEY--WHICH HE SAYS HE DOES NOT REMEMBER--AS RESULT OF HEAVY DRINKING AND DIFFICULTIES WITH HIS GIRL FRIEND. EMBASSY SHOULD INFORM GOJ THAT FBI HAS TERMINATED INVESTIGATION.

2. SAMS PROVIDED U.S. PASSPORT AND CERTIFIED COPY OF BIRTH CERTIFICATE AS PROOF OF U.S. CITIZENSHIP. HE WAS BORN NOV 30, 1921, IN METAMORA, OHIO. ADDRESS AND OTHER INFORMATION PROVIDED EARLIER GENERALLY ACCURATE.

3. DURING INTERVIEW SAMS SAID HE HAD MOVED FROM FLORIDA TO JAMAICA IN 1972, FOLLOWING DIVORCE FROM FIRST WIFE. HE
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MARRIED JAMAICAN WOMAN WHO DIED ABOUT ONE YEAR AGO, AND HE MOVED BACK TO FLORIDA IN NOV, 1976. SAMS SAID HE MET MANLEY CASUALLY ONCE OR TWICE AND HAS THE HIGHEST RESPECT FOR HIM. FBI PLANS NO FURTHER ACTION.
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